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Associated Receives UTI Lisle's 2014 Outstanding Industry Partner Award

ADDISON, IL, January 12, 2015 – Associated has been named a 2014 Outstanding Industry Partner by the Lisle campus of Universal Technical Institute (UTI).

This distinction recognizes Associated's ongoing commitment to hire UTI graduates and participation in various events, such as open houses and career fairs that enrich the campus experience.

Associated was honored to accept this distinction. They are committed to developing new and innovative methods that provide value to their customer's supply chains. Part of that future is their continued partnership with UTI. At the head of this partnership is Jim Flood, Associated Field Service Manager, who has been involved with UTI for more than 15



Village of Lisle Mayor, Joe Broda (left) presents the award to Field Service Manager, Jim Flood, Associated (right).

years. He has attended countless Program Advisory Committees and career fairs, open houses and has given numerous student presentations and interviews resulting in over 50 hires.

"Service support is one of the material handling industry's most critical customer support functions. Today's customers demand a high level of professionalism and communication, as well as technical ability. UTI graduates are trained to take this holistic approach when it comes to customer satisfaction," said Jim Flood, Associated Field Service Manager.

Flood accepted the honor during the one-year anniversary celebration of UTI-Lisle's new campus, which included elected officials, industry employers, students and staff.

About Associated:

Celebrating over 50 years of providing customers with innovative solutions that optimize space, labor and order fulfillment operations within their supply chain, Associated understands that handling materials in the supply chain should be more than material handling. By utilizing their unparalleled experience and industry best practices they are able to evaluate current methods and processes for storage, order fulfillment, labor and equipment utilization and recommend practical strategies to enhance their effectiveness and reduce overall cost. Featuring leading-edge engineering, fleet management and labor optimization services to compliment industry-leading sales, service, rentals and parts, Associated has been the recipient of multiple awards in recognition of being a premier organization in the industry.

About Universal Technical Institute:

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians. With more than 180,000 graduates in its 49-year history, UTI offers undergraduate degree and diploma programs at 11 campuses across the United States, as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech). For more information visit www.uti.edu.

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